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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know the target date for completion of this work? "

THE HON. RAJA SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the date here. It is expected to last for 3½ years. We slowed it down last year just for one year."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government enlighten us as to whether the promised amount of public contribution has been received? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no contribution but it is only a loan."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know whether Government have prepared a costing to find out what benefit or what return they would be getting on their investment on this project? " 3-20 p.m.

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the figures regarding the return that is expected. But if the hon. Member were to see the statement, he will see the areas and places that will be benefited by this project."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I want to know what Government will get by way of return."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the figures. But if a separate question is put, I will give the answer."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" (1) I have to announce to the House that the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1955), which was passed by the Madras Legislature on the 17th February 1955, received the assent of the President on the 26th February 1955 and has been published as Act No. II of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 2nd March 1955.

" (2) I have also to report to the House that a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held at 2-30 p.m. today and it was decided to take up and finish the consideration of the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-Tax Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1954) and the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill,

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 549-550 infra.

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1955 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1955), on the 17th and 18th March 1955. It was also decided to transact non-official business after the presentation of the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure on the 19th March."

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I request the Hon. the Finance Minister to give the House an opportunity to discuss the recommendations of the Taxation Enquiry Commission in so far as it relates to State and local finances and also supply copies of the report to hon. Members? "

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I myself am yet to receive a copy of the Commission's report and I will have to study it and the department will have to scrutinize and examine these proposals. I do not think any useful purpose could be served by our discussing the subject now. Certainly we will give an opportunity to hon. Members to discuss the proposals at the appropriate time."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I suggest that when the Government get a copy of the report in English, it may be translated in the three languages of Tamil, Malayalam and Kanarese and distributed to the Members of the Assembly and Council who do not know English? "

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure the language papers will attempt a translation of the Commission's report and if necessary we shall have it circulated amongst Members, if any Member is interested in Tamil, Malayalam or Kanarese translation of the Commission's report."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know when approximately we could discuss the recommendations of the Taxation Enquiry Commission? "

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" During the next session, Sir."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" We will now take up the general discussion on the Budget."

III.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1955-56 (LAST DAY).

*SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIAR :—" கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, இந்த ஆண்டு வரவு செலவுத் திட்டத்தை தமிழிலே மொழி பெயர்த்துக்கொடுத்ததற்காக நிதி மந்திரி அவர்களைப் பாராட்டுகிறேன்.

" வரவு செலவுத் திட்டத்தில் க்ஷேம நல அரசாங்கம் என்று சொல்லக் கூடிய முறையிலே அந்தந்தத் துறையிலே பல திட்டங்கள் தயாரிக்கப் பட்டிருக்கின்றன. ஆனால் வரி விதிக்கும் கொள்கை சம்பந்தப்பட்ட வரையில், எவ்வளவு தூரம் விவசாயி வரிப்பளுவைத் தாங்குவான் என்பதைக் கவனிக்காமலே, போட்டா போட்டி போட்டுக்கொண்டு, மத்திய அரசாங்கமும் மாகாண அரசாங்கமும், வரிகளை நேர்முகமாகவும், மறைமுகமாகவும் விதித்துக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கவனித்தார்களோ, இல்லையோ என்று சந்தேகிக்க வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. நமது மாகாணத்தில் விவசாயம் எப்படி நடக்கிறது என்பதைப் பார்ப்போம். நமது மாகாணத்தில் 10-ல் ஒரு பங்கு தான் ஜீவ நதிகள் உள்ள இடங்களாக இருக்கின்றன. மற்ற இடமெல்லாம் காடாரம்பம். மழையே இல்லாத